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HIGHER EDUCATION TO SC/ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST)students admitted to private and professional institutions for higher studies and amount of tuition fees reimbursed each year during the last three years;

(b) the details of the central scheme to fund post-matric scholarships for higher education in private institutions;

(c) whether the Government proposes to continue fully funding of higher education to SC/ST students particularly for technical education in private professional institutions to help them get required qualifications for employment ; and

(d) if so, the details therof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs are implementing a centrally sponsored scheme of Post Matric scholarships for the SC & ST students respectively. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for pursuing post matriculation recognized courses in recognized institutions. The details are maintained by concerned State Governments/UT administrations.

In case of SC students the scholarship includes full reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fee. However, in case of ST students, the reimbursement of tuition fees is same as for students in Government institutions for comparable courses.